



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: March 1, 2012

Chairman: Gordon
Others Present: Schaaf, Coffman, Orrill, Lunghino, Smith, Glover, Nicolson
Absent: Marshall
City Staff: Aaron Klemm
Commission: None
Council Members:
Public: Teresa James, Jane DeLorenzo

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved for the February meeting moved by Gordon, seconded by Schaaf.

III. Public Comments

Teresa James with Rainbow Environmental Services presented on AB341, which requires any business that produces 4 cubic yards of waste per week, and multi family housing communities with 5 or more units must have a recycling program. Therefore, Rainbow has been encouraging businesses to cooperate ahead of the enactment of the bill. Her presentation was titled "Sharing Responsibility". The State has a policy goal to have a 75% diversion rate by 2020. HB has 1,910 commercial businesses and multi family communities who would be required to recycle under AB341. Rainbow will be rolling out their voluntary program to help businesses prepare for the new law in phases. Currently 18 commercial and 11 multi family communities participate in their pilot program. They also have other recycling programs, such as food scrap recycling. Food scrap is composted, and sold as Agromin Organic Soil Products. All Albertsons in Huntington Beach have committed and converted to this food scrap program, and will eventually sell an Albertsons brand of compost.

IV. Action Items:

- A. Executive Committee: Updates and Announcements
 - i. The Grassy Knoll project. Gordon has been in contact with the HOA, and is initiating an Ocean Friendly Garden conversation.
- B. EIR
 - i. Plastic Bag Ban. Lunghino presented the subcommittee's findings of the EIR. They are expecting a reduction in plastic bag usage by 50%. The committee found the EIR to be thorough and responsive. 41 cities have either a pending ordinance, or have already enacted a ban. The comment letter is due March 26th. Smith motioned to pass the changes to the draft letter presented that include recognizing the incorporation of comments on the initial study, noting conservative values, add OC cities that have recently joined the movement, and detailed notes.
- C. Field Trips
 - i. Eco Cover Factory – Working on a new date.
 - ii. Solar Walk – Also Friday, March 9th at 3:30 PM, Girl Scouts will be presenting on HB's solar project
 - iii. Orange Coast River Park – Glover will coordinate a date
 - iv. Environmental Nature Center- Glover will also coordinate this date
 - vi. Ecology- Located in Huntington Beach- postponed
- D. One time use bags Ad hoc Committee (Orrill, Coffmann, Marshall, and Lunghino)
 - i. No update, other than the EIR findings.
- E. Green and Solar Energy Committee (Smith, Gordon, Marshall, Lunghino)

- i. SCE Regional Strategic Plan: Aaron provided an update
- ii. HB Solar Project: Girl Scouts will be here to provide presentation Friday, March 9th
- F. Communications (Glover, Marquez, Smith, Orrill, Coffmann)
 - i. Chamber of Commerce issued a survey for Business Sustainable Action Committee (BSAC) - California Community College Foundation will participate with Village Green sponsoring an energy audit for midsize businesses. It will be based on developing a software program for 15 small businesses who participated in a survey. Launch will be March 19th. Sustainable Surf City is the new program name.
 - ii. SCE 3rd Party Direct Install Walk- Over 600 businesses were contacted via the outreach walk.
 - iii. Awards season –
 - CA Sustainability Showcase, Award will be announced in March or April.
 - CA Center for Sustainable Energy – application submitted
 - USGBC-OC – awards on 1/26/12 – Anaheim won
- G. Environmental Awards (Marshall/Gordon/Schaaf/Nicolson)
 - i. Gordon suggested that this committee meet to talk about rebranding the award to make it more marketable to applicants. Also, suggested clearer application guidelines.
- H. Water Quality Topics.
 - i. Prop 84 funding- Water/Storm water and Measure M2-\$18 million in grants available across the state for water quality and energy. Coffman put together a letter to be sent to the Deputy City Manager regarding potential grants that the city qualifies for, and also offered grant-writing resources.

VI. Administrative Items

- A. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements –
 - i. Lunghino suggested that the Board propose an ocean friendly garden project as part of the Prop 84 funding available.

IX. Preview of next 3 meetings

April- Water Quality & Grants with Teri Elliot from Huntington Beach Public Works
May- DTSC Green Chemistry Program with Patrick Molvay
June- Hurley H2O Hydration Stations with Ben Edwards (Tentative)

VII. Good and Welfare

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned approximately 7:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on April 5, 2012 in room B7.